

Family Investment Administration  
**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

Control Number: 18-9

Effective Date: October 1, 2017

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TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF

FROM: NICHOLETTE SMITH-BLIGEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT INCREASE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

**SUMMARY**

Pursuant to state law, DHS annually calculates whether the TCA and Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits when added together meet or exceed 61% of the Minimum Living Level (MLL). *Maryland Human Services Code. Ann. §5-316(a) (1) (i)*. Based on FFY 2018 calculations, the TCA grant increased by 4.5% effective October 1, 2017 to continue compliance with state law.

Note: The U.S. Department of Agriculture sets the FSP benefits based on income and household size and the Thrifty Food Plan, which is updated each year on October first.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The new TCA payment amounts were effective October 1, 2017 and must be used to determine financial eligibility. This includes interim changes, recertification and recoupment cases. TCA benefits for October and beyond are in effect in CARES.

The attached FIP Schedule and Schedule R show the increase in the TCA grant amounts and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The FIP schedule has a column for the 50% of the monthly federal poverty level needed to determine stepparent eligibility.

This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces AT 17-11.

**INQUIRIES**

Please direct policy questions to [fia.policy@maryland.gov](mailto:fia.policy@maryland.gov) and systems questions to Gina Roberts at 410-238-1249 or [gina.roberts@maryland.gov](mailto:gina.roberts@maryland.gov).

C: DHS Executive Staff FIA Management Staff Constituent Services Help Desk  
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**FIP SCHEDULE**  
**Effective October 1, 2017**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Allowable Payment</b>	<b>Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level</b>	<b>Total Children With One Needy Caretaker</b>
1	\$306	\$503	
2	\$536	\$677	1
3	\$677	\$851	2
4	\$811	\$1,025	3
5	\$941	\$1,199	4
6	\$1,034	\$1,374	5
7	\$1,162	\$1,548	6
8	\$1,279	\$1,722	7
9	\$1,379	\$1,896	8
10	\$1,490	\$2,070	9
11	\$1,625	\$2,244	10
12	\$1,699	\$2,419	11
13	\$1,803	\$2,593	12
14	\$1,908	\$2,767	13
15	\$2,017	\$2,941	14
16	\$2,146	\$3,115	15
17	\$2,274	\$3,289	16
18	\$2,400	\$3,464	17
19	\$2,526	\$3,638	18
20	\$2,652	\$3,812	19
21	\$2,779	\$3,986	20

Poverty level changes were effective January 1, 2017. Add \$ 127 for each person in household sizes larger than 21. Add \$174 per household member for 50% of poverty over household size of 21.

# FIP SCHEDULE R

Effective October 1, 2017

A	B	C	D
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Col. - B	Available Recoupment 20% of Col- B
1	\$306	\$30	\$61
2	\$536	\$53	\$107
3	\$677	\$67	\$135
4	\$811	\$81	\$162
5	\$941	\$94	\$188
6	\$1,034	\$103	\$206
7	\$1,162	\$116	\$232
8	\$1,279	\$127	\$255
9	\$1,379	\$137	\$275
10	\$1,490	\$149	\$298
11	\$1,625	\$162	\$325
12	\$1,699	\$169	\$339
13	\$1,803	\$180	\$360
14	\$1,908	\$190	\$381
15	\$2,017	\$201	\$403
16	\$2,146	\$214	\$429
		The recoupment is the higher of \$10 or 10% if the recipient <b>has no other income</b> and it is an Agency or client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)	The recoupment is the higher of \$20 or 20% if the recipient <b>has another source of income</b> and it is an Agency or Client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)